



Iowa Child and Adult Care Food Program

Is this infant meal reimbursable? ¹

BIRTH – 3 MONTHS			
Parent Choice ➡	Parent supplies allowable formula	Parent supplies Breast milk ²	Child care supplies allowable formula
Breakfast	YES	YES	YES
Lunch and Supper	YES	YES	YES
Snack	YES	YES	YES
4 MONTHS – 7 MONTHS			
Parent Choice ➡	Parent supplies allowable formula	Parent supplies Breast milk ²	Child care supplies allowable formula
Breakfast	3, 4		YES
Lunch and Supper			YES
Snack	YES	YES	YES
8 MONTHS UP TO FIRST BIRTHDAY			
Parent Choice ➡	Parent supplies allowable formula	Parent supplies Breast milk ²	Child care supplies allowable formula or juice
Breakfast	5		YES
Lunch and Supper			YES
Snack	3, 4		YES

¹ Medical exceptions to the CACFP Infant Meal Pattern Guidelines are allowed when there is documentation from a recognized medical authority. If the documentation is on file and the required CACFP records have been maintained, the meal(s) may be claimed for CACFP reimbursement.

² If the mother comes to the Center or the Child Development Home to nurse the infant, this meal cannot be claimed for CACFP reimbursement. Home Providers who nurse their own infants may claim the meal for CACFP reimbursement if nonresidential children are present for the same meal and the Provider is eligible to claim her own children. Meals may be claimed for CACFP reimbursement when center staff nurse their own enrolled infants at the center.

³ This meal may be claimed for CACFP reimbursement if the Center or the Home Provider feeds the formula/breast milk to the infant and it is the only food the infant is consuming because he/she is not ready for solid foods.

⁴ When the parent/guardian indicates that the infant is ready to have solid foods for this meal, the Center or the Home Provider must offer one optional reimbursable food if the parent/guardian provides the formula or breast milk. When the parent/guardian provides the optional food(s) the caregiver must supply the formula in order to claim this meal for CACFP reimbursement. The minimum serving size must be offered.

⁵ The CACFP Center or Home Provider must supply one required reimbursable food for these meals in order to claim the meal for CACFP reimbursement. All required foods must be served.